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ISLE OF CANNA — A REMARKABLE STRANDING. — In the middle of May the sandy beach at Tarbert, in the middle of the island and on the south side, was found to be covered along the watermark with what was suspected to be fragmented seaweed, but turned out to be millions of dead and dying heather beetles (*Lochmaea suturalis* Thoms.), later identified by Mr. A. A. Allen of Charlton. I was unable to visit the situation myself, but a plastic jar of specimens was brought to me.

This is a unique incident in my experience, the only comparable one being finding the sea on the north side of Canna covered with flying ants one calm day a few years ago. Mr. Peter Wormell, formerly Nature Conservancy warden on the Isle of Rhum, tells me that the Heather Beetle was abundant on the island last summer (1984), and it is possible these specimens may have come from Rhum. The Head Lighthousekeeper on the small island of Heisker about ten miles away tells me that no similar stranding took place there. Canna itself is not thickly covered with heather. — J. L. CAMPBELL. Isle of Canna.